

Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities

Executive Committee

Date: 4/4/2014

Review of Proposed Activities & Budget

ITEM: H

Grantee: Texas Advocates

Year: 3 of 3

Project Title: LDAST-New: Project SAVE (Self Advocate Voices Engaged)

Project Location: Travis, Williamson, Bexar, Cameron, Fort Bend, Lubbock, El Paso, Denton

Website: http://www.thearcoftexas.org/site/PageServer?pagename=arctx_ProjectMove_ProjectSave

TCDD RFP Intent:

The intent of the new Leadership Development and Advocacy Skills Training Projects RFP is to create programs that provide leadership development and advocacy skills training for people with developmental disabilities, their families, and their allies.

Authorized Funding: TCDD has approved up to \$75,000 for up to three years.

Expected Results: At least 300 individuals, including at least 125 self-advocates and 100 family members, will receive training regarding advocacy, leadership, and community organizing through project activities during the three years.

Project Goals and Accomplishments for Years 1-2:

Goal: Texas Advocates will train and support State Supported Living Center (SSLC) residents and community organizations so that **Self Advocate Voices** are **Engaged** to create change for themselves and their community. Self Advocates will learn to speak up for themselves on real life issues such as transition and employment. For Year 2, the project goal was to conduct trainings in at least 4 communities and present at conferences, reaching a grand total of 121 individuals.

Accomplishments per goal:

Texas Advocates conducted a total of 23 trainings in 4 communities for a total of 71 participants. Project staff presented at community events, the Autreat self-advocate conference, Inclusion Works, and TALAC, reaching an additional 45 individuals for a total of 116 participants.

Proposed Goals and Objectives for Year 3:

Goal: Same as above.

Objectives: 1) Training 20 self-advocates a piece (60 total) in Lubbock, El Paso, and Denton 2) Provide a peer-led community event for 20 participants in Lubbock, El Paso, and Denton 3) Provide a community event, led by SAVE graduates, for 20 participants in a new SSLC community such as Brenham 4) Training and supporting 10 self-advocates from years 1-3 of the project to come to Austin to interact with legislators

Staff Recommendations: Public Policy Considerations: Because of Project SAVE, TCDD staff have a greater awareness of individual SSLC strengths and weaknesses, SSLC residents are participating in more community events and organizations and SSLC staff are developing respectful relationships with community based self-advocates.

Grant Management Considerations: No concerns; moderate risk monitoring due to award amount and sub-awards. **Staff Recommendation:** TCDD staff recommends Council to consider continued funding for this project.

Continuation Budget Detail Summary

	Federal	Match	Totals
Expended Year 1 (Consultant: \$51,622)	\$75,000/\$75,000	\$14,729/\$17,912	\$89,729/\$92,912
Expended Year 2 (7 months)(Consultant: \$50,822)	\$75,000/\$39,790	\$14,729/\$7,839	\$89,729/\$47,629
Amount requested for Year 2 budget:			
I. Personnel services	0	13,553	13,553
II. Travel	0	0	0
III. Purchased services (\$65,325 consultants)	71,860	0	71,860
IV. Property/Materials	2,240	0	2,240
V. Rental/Leasing	300	1,200	1,500
VI. Utilities	600	0	600
VII. Other (Indirect Costs)	0	0	0
Budget period totals	\$75,000	\$14,753	\$89,753